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Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for New Mural at Chelio Acosta Sports Center

WHO: City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department

WHAT: Ribbon-cutting ceremony for new Mural

WHEN: 11:30 a.m., Sunday, October 8

WHERE: Chelio Acosta Sports Center, 4321 Delta Dr.

The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department's (MCAD) Public Art Program, invites the public to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new mural, "Pitz/Tlachko" by artist Gabriel S. Gaytan located at Chelio Acosta Sports Center, 4321 Delta Dr.

The mural located on the outer façade of the center vibrantly illustrates the traditional Mesoamerican ball game that reflects the path of the Sun across the seasons. The ancient Maya ballgame called "Pitz" or "Tlachko" would inspire popular sports like basketball that are played today at the center.

Gabriel S. Gaytan is a Chicano/Mexican-American artist and muralist who explores his cultural heritage through images and symbols. Gaytan believes color and form evoke messages for the soul and that his Mesoamerican ancestors were keenly aware of this and therefore created an artistic language that integrates colors and sounds. Revival of this ancient literacy is a dominant theme in his work.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will feature a low-rider car show, dancers from Danza Azteca Omecoatl, and a cook-out celebration after the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

For more information on the Public Art Program and the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department, visit www.epmcad.org.

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